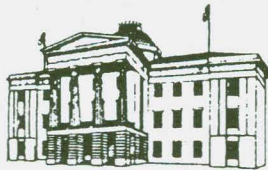


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

AMERICORPS WEEK

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans in meeting national and community needs since its creation in 1994; and

WHEREAS, each year, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 85,000 citizens across the nation, including more than 15,000 in North Carolina, to give back in an intensive way to our communities, our state and our country; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, more than 637,000 men and women, including 13,314 from North Carolina, have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to "Get Things Done for America"; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members have served more than 774 million hours nationwide, including 18 million hours served by residents from North Carolina since 1994, helping to improve the lives of our state's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment, and contribute to our public safety, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service plays a key role in determining where AmeriCorps resources should be directed to meet state and local needs; and

WHEREAS, last year, AmeriCorps members served with more than 1,100 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide, including more than 85 national service projects in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, last year, North Carolina AmeriCorps members recruited and supervised more than 6,918 community volunteers who donated over 84,000 hours of service; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, residents of North Carolina have earned more than \$39,400,000 in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or to pay back student loans; and

WHEREAS, after their terms of service, AmeriCorps members remain engaged in our communities, in disproportionately high levels, as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the United States Congress passed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which sets AmeriCorps on a path to expand to 250,000 members by the year 2017, and focuses AmeriCorps on critical national issues of disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, as well as veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportune time for the people of North Carolina to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their service, thank AmeriCorps' community partners, and bring more Americans into service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 10-18, 2012, as "**AMERICORPS WEEK**" in North Carolina, and call upon all citizens to find ways to give back to their communities.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.